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## **CARDIN, MIKULSKI ANNOUNCE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS IN THE FEDERAL CHECKBOOK FOR MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. –**U.S. Senators Benjamin L. Cardin** and **Barbara A. Mikulski** (both D-MD), today announced the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes funding for community health centers across Maryland through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

“For decades, community health centers have provided comprehensive, quality primary health care services to medically underserved communities and vulnerable populations,” Senator Cardin said. “I am pleased that the economic recovery package is providing needed funding to community health care centers – centers that we know work and save lives.”

“Community health centers provide an important safety net for the people who need it most,” Senator Mikulski said. “This is especially important in these economically-trying times when there is more need and fewer resources. These American Recovery Act funds will help community health centers keep their doors open to make sure Maryland families have access to reliable health care in their communities.”

The DHHS supports community health centers through the Health Resources and Services Administration. Health centers provide comprehensive primary health care to medically underserved communities. They are governed by a community board and are required to meet performance and accountability requirements.

ARRA includes funding for:

- \$119,904 for West Cecil Health Center, Inc. in Conowingo, Md.
- \$418,824 for Choptank Community Health System, Inc. in Denton, Md.
- \$342,492 for Three Lower Counties Community Services, Inc. in Princess Anne, Md.
- \$199,172 for Community Clinic, Inc. in Derwood, Md.
- \$270,372 for Greater Baden Medical Services in Upper Marlboro, Md.
- \$155,648 for Walnut Street Community Health Center in Hagerstown, Md.
- \$276,539 for Tri-State Community Health Center in Hancock, Md.

- \$126,911 for Western Maryland Health Care Corporation in Oakland, Md.

To find a health center or to learn more about health centers, please visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/>.

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